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Heading toward zero

Budget 2013.

Council asks city administration to advise on how to avoid tax increase



ANGELA MULLINS

The drive is on at city hall to avoid a tax increase next year.

Councillors voted 8-7 on Tuesday to have city administrators draft a budget that will hold the status quo for property owners.

The move is expected to mean a \$25.6-million slash from the bottom line unless new revenue streams can be found. Cuts would be deep and could lead to steep in-creases in future years, city staff and councillors opposed to the decision have warned.

Treasurer Martin Hayward recommended in April that the tax target for next year be set at a 3.8 per cent hike. If politicians continue supporting budgets without tax increases, the city will have a shortfall of \$324 million by 2017, a report said.

Tuesday's vote was cast without discussion after a motion to put the question was approved. Two lengthy debates on the issue last month ended in tie votes because councillors who support keeping taxes frozen were absent.

Also on Tuesday, council approved:

- Seeking partners to help buy the former Normal
- School in Wortley Village. • Raising councillors' expense accounts to \$15,000 from \$8,750 and assigning additional city hall support
- staff to councillors. • A \$681,136 upgrade of
- downtown's Market Lane. • A list of infrastructure proiects for federal funding.

"We've discussed this now for a month and a half," Mayor Joe Fontana said as the question was put. "I think all the arguments have been made."

After the vote, Coun. Nancy Branscombe resigned from a committee designed to find cost savings. Branscombe, who chaired the committee, has been critical of council's dipping into reserve funds to avoid a tax increase this year. That's not "sound financial management of the city." she said. Responsible cuts, she added, come in reductions to the base budget, something that causes "political pressure." Taking other routes will only "hurt our taxpayers" in the

end, she said. Follow Angela Mullins on Twitter @MetroAngela



experience manager Justin Fidler, 42, of Lucan poses in a box office at the Western Fair District (316 Rectory St.) on Tuesday. Organizers of the

Investing in Ontario

Toyota Canada announces a \$100-million expansion in Cambridge, a move that will see the creation of 400 new iobs in the region

Dropping names

Richard Crouse looks at Hollywood's long history of tinkering with movie titles, sometimes for the better, other times not

Rain check

Heading to the London Games? Though forecasters predict two weeks of hot, dry weather, it's always a good idea to pack an umbrella. Better yet, check out Metro's guide to buying a brolly in the English capital PAGE 12

Awesome agave

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Crime statistics

London's crime rate drops 4%

Statistics Canada says the rate of crimes reported to police in Canada reached its lowest level in 40 years

London was just below the national average for the severity-of-crime index, with a four per cent decrease reported.

There was a five per cent drop in the violentcrime severity index, whereas the national average was a drop of four. AM980/AM980.CA
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Jobs lost

City cuts positions, lavs offs workers

Twelve full-time city workers have lost their jobs after their positions were eliminated.

Interim city manager Tim Dobbie said the employees - all nonunion and in departments including technology services, finance and parks — were informed Monday.

The cuts, he said, took effect immediately, and workers will receive severance packages.

Dobbie could not provide the value of the packages Tuesday or say how much the cuts, part of a larger "reorganization" at city hall, will Save. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Event

Get ready to **lanite London** Wednesday night

The sixth edition of Ignite London is scheduled for Wednesday evening at Aeolian Hall.

Tickets are still available through IgniteLondon.ca.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. metro



Blizzard goes down a treat during giveaway

Katelyn Fleming, 21, of London, left, gets a free Dairy Queen Blizzard on Tuesday from the Children's Health Foundation's Rachel Hunt during a giveaway outside the Covent Garden Market. The giveaway was a promotion for Thursday's Miracle Treat Day. People who buy a Blizzard at a local Dairy Queen that day will be making a donation to Children's Hospital at the London Health Sciences Centre.

ANGELA MILLLINS/METRO

Western Fair to offer better bang for buck

Free parking, concerts.

Will glory days return now that district is offering free amenities to all customers?



JOHN

It's reasonable to suggest the folks at the Western Fair District know how to put on

Now in the 137th year of planning and executing one of the most iconic fall fairs in the province, it's easy to see how you would get that impression.

In trying economic times, however, organizers have been forced to tweak the game plan by adding a pair of free features. It was announced recently that over the course of the event, set for Sept. 7 to 16, fairgoers won't be charged for park-

ing or concerts.
"What we have heard from our customers is that they want to see more value built into the event, so that their entertainment dollar goes farther," said Heather Blackwell, a Western Fair District spokeswoman.

This year's on-stage performers — ranging from classic rock group Trooper to indie band Arkells to R&B singer Shawn Desmond will thrill crowds outdoors, right smack in the middle of the carnival. Zipper riders, cotton-candy eaters and the like will be able to enjoy the fair experience with a live band playing within earshot.

Organizers hope the in-clusion of live music on midway grounds will provide the supplemental value missing from years past.

The free-parking-andconcert strategy derives from the overall state of the carnival industry. It's a dogfight out there with the rise



If you're interested in applying to work at the fair on a 10-day contract, swing by the humanresources department at 316 Rectory St. from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

in popularity of technology, all-inclusive vacations and other non-traditional pastimes, which divert money from nostalgic places like a county fair.

"Fairs across the country are faced with the same situation," Blackwell said. 'You kind of have to look at your event — whatever that is — and see what you can do to make it resonate again with customers year after

Blackwell calls the 10day fair the "genesis" of the district, the reason why it was established in the first

Over the past decade, the fair's gate numbers have declined in the ballpark of 20 per cent, which spurs the question: What's next, free admission?

"Never say never," Black-well said. "Who knows, but it's not on the desk right now.

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On the web

Bale rises to occasion

Actor Christian Bale visited moviegoers injured at the midnight screening of The Dark Knight Rises in Colorado. Go to metronews.ca to find out more.

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Victims' families plan farewells

Colorado rampage.

Funerals set to begin as early as Friday

The families of those killed in the Colorado theatre massacre planned their final goodbyes Tuesday, their anger stirred by the sight of suspect James Holmes in a courtroom with dyed orange hair and glassy

eyes. Tom Teves, the father of one of the 12 people Holmes is accusing of killing in Friday's shooting rampage, called the suspect "a coward" for allegedly attacking defenceless victims. Another 58 people were wounded in one of the worst mass shootings in recent U.S. history.

Robert Blache watched video clips from Holmes' silent, seemingly dazed court appearance with his injured daughter Christina, who was shot in both legs at the midnight premiere of the new Batman film The Dark Knight

"He doesn't look surprised at any of it, but he seemed amazed at what was happening. I'm pretty sure he's not sane," Blache said.

After Holmes was led back to his solitary confinement cell, victims' families were left to plan funerals for as early as

Holmes is being held on suspicion of first-degree murder, and he could face additional counts of aggravated assault and weapons violations. He won't be formally charged until next Monday. Police ex-

3 arrested after Batman film threats

At least three men accused of making threats during or after watching the new Batman movie have been arrested in separate incidents across the U.S. in the wake of a mass shooting at a Colorado

theatre showing the film.

Moviegoers in Sierra Vista, Arizona, panicked when a man who appeared intoxicated was confronted during a showing of the movie. The

Cochise County Sheriff's office said it caused "mass hysteria" and about 50 people fled the theatre.

A Maine man was arrested when he told authorities that he was on his way to shoot a former employer a day after watching The Dark Knight Rises, Maine state police said Monday.

And in Southern California, a man at a Sunday afternoon showing of the film was arrested after witnesses said he made threats and alluded to the Colorado shooting when the movie didn't start. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

pect months of working with behavioural analysts and scrutinizing Holmes' relationships

to establish a motive. They have said Holmes isn't cooperating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Niagara Falls

Suspect dead, officer injured after Niagara Gorgefall

An injured Niagara Regional Police officer and the body of a man have been pulled from the Niagara Gorge after both went over a retaining wall late Tuesday

The police officer was the first pulled about 30 metres out of the gorge in Niagara Falls. The officer had sustained a broken leg and was airlifted to hospital in Hamilton.

The province's police watchdog, the Special Investigation Unit, says the man died of injuries suffered in the fall. His body was brought out by firefighters just before 9 p.m. and loaded into a waiting ambulance.

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Former federal minister. Oda repaid five 'inappropriate expenses,' documents show

Former Conservative cabinet minister Bev Oda reimbursed taxpayers for inappropriate travel and hospitality expenses incurred on five separate occasions following revela-tions of her lavish spending while attending an international immunization conference in London last year.

"The former minister's expenses were re-examined and all inappropriate expenses were repaid," Stephanie Rea, now director of communications for the newly appointed International Co-operation Minister Julian Fantino, wrote in an email on Tuesday.

Oda came under fire this spring after The Canadian Press reported she had switched her reservation from the five-star Grange St. Paul's Hotel to the more expensive Savoy, hired a chauf-feur to drive her around in a luxury car and bought a glass of orange juice for \$16 while in London in June 2011.

The Torstar News Service obtained documents through access-to-information legislation showing that in addition to reimbursing taxpayers for the questionable charges in London, Oda had four other expense claims dating back to 2007 altered soon after the story appeared.

The changes included deleting the entry for a \$208.32 dinner with four guests and two employees of the federal government at the Thames Foyer, an informal dining room at the Savoy Hotel in London that features a live pianist during afternoon tea. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

400 new jobs. Toyota investing \$100 million in Cambridge, Ont., plant

Toyota's Canadian manufacturing arm says it's investing \$100 million in its Cambridge, Ont., plant — a move that will see it hire 400 workers.

The investment announced Tuesday will increase the production of the company's Lexus RX models, from 30,000 vehicles to 104,000 at the southwestern Ontario facility.

Toyota Canada says the investment includes 15,000 RX450h vehicles, the hybrid electric version of the popular Lexus, and will take its annual production capacity in Canada to 500,000 units.

"For almost nine years now, Canada has had the only Lexus production outside of

Expanding production

- Toyota said it is targeting early 2014 for expanded Lexus production.
- In March, the company announced it would ramp up production of its RAV4 crossover vehicles, which would also create some 400 new jobs at its assembly plant in Woodstock, Ont.

Japan," TMMC chairman Ray Tanguay said in a release.

"New jobs, along with new technology, is great news for Canada." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute



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GM makes \$850M R&D investment in Oshawa

Auto announcement.

Workers question whether vehicles that are developed from investment will be produced in Canada

GM Canada is investing \$850 million in research and development at its complex east of Toronto, an announcement hailed by the prime minister as proof of the automaker's commitment to Canada as it makes good on its bailout commitments, but regarded cautiously by auto workers.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who attended the GM announcement in Oshawa, Ont., said the money represents "exciting future implications" with ripple effects that will be felt throughout the economy.

The federal and Ontario governments invested a total of \$10.5 billion in GM Canada in 2009 as the automaker struggled to survive the economic downturn.



By the numbers

\$1B

GM's \$850-million investment came on the same day Toyota pledged \$100 million to boost production in Cambridge, Ont., making for nearly \$1 billion in auto-sector investment in Ontario in a single day. The \$850-million investment is aimed at meeting R&D spending commitments the automaker made under the bailout.

GM says the investment in R&D at the Canadian Engineering Centre will make the facility an integral part of its global engineering and R&D networks. But the company

did not give any specific announcement about whether new jobs would be created.

The money will also go toward enhancing partnerships with automotive suppliers, including "new co-development projects and greater opportunities for start-ups to access funding through GM Ventures." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Average home sale prices up 17 per cent in Ontario: Report

Average Ontario home prices have risen 17 per cent over the past four years, with the most significant growth seen in the province's north, according to a report released Tuesday.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, which tracked home sale prices in Ontario between Jan. 1, 2008 and Jan. 1, 2012, said the fig-

ures are good news for Ontario homeowners as they suggest a strong real-estate market.

"Increasing property values reflect positive economic circumstances," said MPAC's chief assessor, Larry Hummel. However, rising home

However, rising home prices make it difficult for firsttime homebuyers to enter the market and many in some of Ontario's most expensive cities like Toronto are opting for condos, a market that many economists have warned could soon be at risk of a downturn.

The figures in the report reflect average price trends in local markets, which can vary greatly from one another.

To illustrate the 17 per cent average provincial increase,

the report said if a property sold for \$350,000 on Jan. 1, 2008, the average sale price for that same property on Jan. 1, 2012 would be \$409,500.

"This is a reflection of obviously a lot of sale data," Hummel said of the report's figures.

The report noted some of the most significant growth in Ottawa and in cities in northern Ontario.

The report released Tuesday was MPAC's first such document on residential sale-price trends. One of MPAC's goals with the report was to take the temperature of the Ontario real-estate market so homeowners are better informed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"We are approaching levels of house prices relative to income similar to what existed in the U.S. prior to their bubble." Liberal MP John McCallum

U.K. Charges laid against ex-News Corp. editors in phone-hacking scandal

Britain's phone-hacking scandal entered a new and expanded criminal phase Tuesday, with charges brought against two former members of Prime Minister David Cameron's inner circle over a campaign of illegal espionage that has rocked the country's establishment.

The Crown Prosecution Service announced Tuesday that Andy Coulson and Rebekah Brooks — both former editors of Rupert Murdoch's now-shuttered News of the World tabloid — were among eight people being charged with conspiring to intercept the communications of at least 600 people from 2000 to 2006.

The alleged victims in-



cluded everyone from a murdered teenager to Hollywood power couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Coulson and Brooks, who had previously been charged in related cases, have both denied any wrongdoing and vowed to fight the charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Economic indicator

Retail sales up in May: StatsCan

More Canadians went shopping in May, driving retail sales up slightly to \$38.9 billion.

Statistics Canada says sales rose 0.3 per cent, with gains reported in six of 11 sub-sectors.

Overall, retail sales have been relatively flat since November 2011.

The agency reports that stronger sales of food drove the increase at supermarkets and general-merchandise stores and clothing and accessories sales also rose.

But sales were down in the car industry and at electronic and appliance stores.

StatsCan says retail sales rose in six provinces, with Alberta reporting the largest increase in dollar terms. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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The Summer Olympics start in a couple of days, but you wouldn't know it here in Vancouver, the city that hosted the most recent Olympics. 2010, remember?

You think they'd fire up the flame one more time in solidarity, but it just sits there overlooking the North Shore mountains, the scene of so many gold-medal triumphs, like a spent Bic, not a flicker. Even though the Vancouver weather has been rem-

iniscent of the Olympic weather (cold and wet), hardly anyone is wearing the Olympic gear that not so long ago led them to endure day-long lineups in front of the Bay iust for the mittens.

John Furlong, the czar of the 2010 games and the chair of Canada's Own the Podium program, isn't even going to London to cheer on Canada's athletes.

City of no enthusiasm

"This apparent lack of Olympic rah-rah is puzzling when you consider the local frenzy whipped up during the 2010 Games."

They'll have to own the podium without him, as he says the money will be better spent elsewhere

Maybe they'll only be able to afford to rent the podium. Time share?

This apparent lack of Olympic rah-rah is puzzling when you consider the local frenzy whipped up during the 2010 Games. The streets were jammed with millions of people who would stand

in line for hours just to get a glimpse of the Olympic torch, zip-line across Robson Street or stand in front of the mint just to look at an Olympic gold medal. When Sid the Kid scored the goal that won the gold medal for Canada's hockey team, the entire city erupted in a roar that could be heard all the way to Wembley Stadium.

But now? Not a peep. It's eerie.
Maybe we're Olympicked out. Another one? Already?
Or maybe we're just a Winter Olympics kind of town,
though given the daily parade of Lycra-clad cyclists all-out
pursuing their personal best, you'd be forgiven for thinking the opposite.

The only thing that hasn't changed between these Games and Vancouver's is the British press. The news is a blood sport in Britain. You'd think it's the Hunger Games, the way they gnash their collective chattering teeth about anticipated traffic woes, the stupid mascots, massive security problems, the controversy over a memorial for the Israeli athletes killed in Munich, the food, etc., confidently predicting the worst Olympics ever. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Of course, if we get to the podium often enough, it won't matter if we own it, rent it or pawn it.

And if Simon Whitfield wins the triathlon gold, you'll

be able to hear the roar all the way to Vancouver.

But for now, it's quiet. Too quiet. Cue the national anthem

Eyeful tower an eyesore?



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Looming over Olympics

Orbit Tower not understood

A security member takes photos at the Orbit observation tower inside Olympic Park in London.

Looming large over the Olympic Stadium, the contorted mass of steel spiralling 115 metres up into the London skies is dividing opinions before the Games have even

The Orbit Tower was conceived as London's answer to the Eiffel Tower in Paris, having already beaten out the French

capital to host the 2012 Olympics.

But to what purpose is this crushed, swirling roller-coaster design by sculptors Anish Kapoor and Cecil Balmond?

An observation deck? Maybe a mysterious monument to the Olympics. like the Sphinx to ancient Egypt? Or just a piece of modern art?

From afar, the 2,000-tonne structure resembles the heart of a theme park. But this is Olympic Park — and Britain's biggest-ever piece of public art is, to some, just a complex platform providing vistas of the capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Design commentary

"Half of the steel isn't doing a job for the height.... It looks a contorted mass of entrails being stretched and knotted into oblivion."

Oliver Wainwright of Building Design

Pricey project

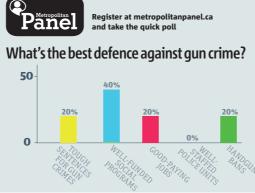
Olympic flame goes elsewhere

Steel baron Lakshmi Mittal, whose company donated the steel and is funding most of the \$36.5-million US project, maintains there is no place for the ceremonial flame atop the tower.

"It's strange if there are no ties to the Olympic cauldron, to make sure when the flame was lit for the entirety it could be seen all around from an open area," said Anna-Maria Sponaski, a native of Vancouver.

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It's funny that people argue over things that can't be proven either way. Oh people you're so silly

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Scene in brief

Polley's conflicting stories

A new documentary directed by Oscar-nominated Canadian Sarah Polley will debut at the Venice Film Festival. Produced by the National Film Board, Stories We Tell finds the Toronto filmmaker investigating the secrets behind a family of storytellers. Polley uses playful interviews with the family to explore their candid yet contradictory answers to the same questions. Thirty-threeyear-old Polley's last film, Take This Waltz, starred Michelle Williams and Seth Rogen and premiered at last year's Toronto International Film Festival. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web



Some choose back-row seats, others check for police, but fans still throng to see Dark



Keep Watch on the name game

Movie titles. Richard Crouse looks at the long history of studios and TV stations forced to change the names of films and shows



IN FOCUS Richard Crouse scene@metronews.ca

This weekend a movie called The Watch is opening in theatres. The Ben Stiller comedy was originally called Neighborhood Watch but the February, 2012 shooting of Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch coordinator in Florida led to the change.

In a statement, 20th Century Fox said, "As the subject matter of this alien invasion comedy bears no relation whatsoever to the recent tragic events in Florida, the studio altered the title to avoid any accidental or unintended misimpression that it might."

The sad incident that prompted the name change was unusual, but title tweaking is commonplace in Hollywood.

Sometimes moniker modification happens for practical reasons

In the early stages of de-

velopment, American Pie was known as Teenage Sex Comedy That Can Be Made For Under \$10 Million That Your Reader Will Love But The Executive Will Hate. That unwieldy name got the attention of Universal Studios who changed it to East Great Falls High and then Comfort Food before settling on American

The Tribal Rites of the New Saturday Night was also considered too long a name and changed to Saturday Night Fever, lifted from the Bee Gees song Night Fever.

A Roy Orbison song triggered the title of one of Julia Roberts's most famous movies Pretty Women went into production under the name 3,000, the amount Julia's working girl was paid for the night, but research showed audiences thought it sounded like the title of a sci-fi flick. Director Garry Marshal settled on the Oribson classic after listening to dozens of hit songs for inspiration.

Occasionally titles are changed to avoid confusion

changed to avoid confusion with other projects. Goodfellas was called Wiseguy but changed so as not be mistaken for the Ken Wahl television series. The Real World was the working title for Reality Bites, but was altered when MTV began airing a reality show of the same name.

One of the most famous James Bond titles was improved by a typo.

The story of a villain who creates the next day's headlines and then causes them to come true was called Tomorrow Never Lies, but when a marketing executive mistakenly typed Tomorrow Never Dies in a memo the mistake was deemed more catchy and commercial.

Finally, would you see a movie called Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? Marketers didn't think so and called it Blade Runner instead.

How about The Last First Kiss? That one became the Will Smith movie Hitch.





Madonna criticized in wake of shootings

Madonna is coming under fire for using fake guns in her stage show just days after the Aurora, Colo., movie theater massacre, according to the Daily Mail

The singer was reportedly warned by police before her first performance in Scotland not to use the props, but did so anyway

anyway.

The fake guns used in the show include replicas of an AK47 assault rifle and a few handguns.

"Madonna and her dancers using replica guns was always in bad taste, but given what happened in Colorado it is even worse. She should know better," a spokesperson for Mothers Against Guns tells the newspaper.



Mariah Carey raking it in on Idol

Not only is Mariah Carey confirmed as a new judge on American Idol this fall, but she'll also reportedly be the highest paid, according to Us Weekly. "Mariah is getting

"Mariah is getting paid \$18 million with a one-year option to do Idol, making her the highest paid judge on any music competition show," a source says.

Jennifer Lopez, who recently left the show, earned about \$12 million per season, while the Voice judge Christina Aguilera will reportedly get \$10 million for the next season.

Britney Spears previously held the record, getting a reported \$16 million for her current gig on the X Factor.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Katy Perry makes lewd gestures, also sky still blue

THE WORD

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Although Madonna is practically begging for someone to complain about her racy MDNA tour, it's Katy Perry who has found herself in legal trouble stemming from an April performance in India.

It seems the singer invited cricket player Doug Bollinger on stage to demonstrate how to hold a cricket bat, and the lesson — which involved Bollinger snuggling up behind Perry and grabbing her belowthe-waist microphone — offended a lawyer in the

audience enough to file a complaint.

In the case, which will be heard July 31, the lawyer claims that the gesture was "obscene and lascivious" and "distracted students who were writing exams at the time," according to The Sun.

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TRAVEL 1



Hit the beach — but forget the swimming

Montreal. Sandy haven in city's Old Port is a great place for catching rays; just don't plan to take a dip

It sounded funny at first — a beach at Montreal's Old Port where there's no swimming.

But the scene is actually quite striking. Visitors can bury their feet in soft white sand as they gaze out at city landmarks and a parade of boats going up and down the St. Lawrence River.

Within view are the towering old Molson brewery, the steel trusses of Jacques-Cartier Bridge, and La Ronde, the city's offshore amusement park.

The river's strong current ruled out the possibility of making the beach open to swimming, and the closest sunbathers can get to water are the mist showers. So far, though, the new Clock Tower Beach has been a hit.

"I never thought it would be nice like this," said 65-yearold Pauline Angers, who lives just outside Montreal, as she sipped a juice under a parasol.

"It's lovely. There are so many places with pools, but you don't see this everywhere."

Located on a quay at the city's Old Port, the beach is named after the giant clock tower that stands at the water's edge, alongside a marina filled with motorboats and yachts.

It opened in mid-June, joining dozens of other nearby attractions at what has long been the city's tourist headquarters.

Visitors can amble along the boardwalk or turn into Old Montreal, where outdoor patio restaurants and artists showcasing their works line the cobblestone streets.

There are so many things to do and see — boat cruises, calèche rides, a kid-friendly sci-

Quote

"At first it was weird to not have the option to swim, but I don't mind."

Clock Tower Beach visitor Jessica Diano

ence centre, a Cirque du soleil performance — that the beach may get passed over by many visitors.

That's not the case for nearby resident Jessica Diano, who decided to get a season's pass. "I love it," said Diano, 30,

"I love it," said Diano, 30, as she sunbathed with three friends. "At first it was weird to not have the option to swim, but I don't mind."

In the evening, there's a refreshment stand at the beach offering food and drinks, providing a prime spot to watch fireworks during the summer months. The space may be a little less welcoming to children.

On a recent weekend afternoon, there were a few dozen people at the beach, but only a handful of kids. Without a pool, there's little for them to do but play with sand toys and cool off in the mist showers.

"I think if someone makes a trip specifically for this, I'm not sure if it's worth it," said Marco Quirion, who had biked to the beach from a Montreal suburb with his partner and two kids.

Angers disagrees.

She has already made several trips to the beach since it opened and plans to return. She said it's a great place to find a quiet haven just steps from the buzz of the city.

"Normally, you have to travel to find sand like this," she said.

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Travel in brief

Sleep in a London cab during the Olympics

A London taxi driver has come up with a

novel way of solving the Olympic hotel dilemma: Visitors can sleep in his cab for \$78. **Cabbie David Weekes** had feared that busy traffic throughout the Olympics and special road lanes only for Olympic VIPs would mean fewer taxi fares. So he's converted his traditional black London taxi into a cozy single bed with a Union Jack blanket. Weekes said some London taxi drivers think working during the Olympics will be "a total waste of time" because of the congestion. But others like himself will be driving during the games, which run from July 27 to Aug. 12. Outside parliament earlier this week, hundreds of London taxi drivers protested their exclusion from the special Olympic lanes.

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New Vancouver urbar winery brings wineon-tap concept to B.C

Better pack a brolly because London rain is falling down

Olympics. Visitors to England's capital will require something to shield them from its infamous downpours — here's all you need to know about buying a brolly in the city

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bronze: No matter who wins what at the Lon-don Olympics, a million or more visitors will need to get themselves an umbrella, more affectionately known 'brolly.' as

It was the wettest June on record and July is trying hard to beat that

Clearly it's time to go shopping.

Tartans and **Animal Heads**

It rains so much in Britain that a store devoted to umbrellas has thrived since 1830 - James Smith & Sons, Umbrellas Ltd.

One section has a dozen tartans, another has brollies with big thick stripes possibly related to obscure sporting clubs. They are sturdy and good-looking though. You could whack a London rioter with one of these if need be, use them as ladies hand weight. For 75 to 80 pounds

(\$116 to \$132), you can walk away with a wooden duck handle on your brolly. Ditto ones with parrots, foxes, cats, dogs, even a dinosaur. On the other hand, what are you doing, trying to pretend you have

Still, the folding umbrella



section inspires definite brolly envy, with some so compact they could fit into clutch. This is where girlie-girl options run riot. Ruffles and Degas ballet dancers, mock-Burberry plaids and polka dots, brollies in hot pink, teal blue, blinding chartreuse. Those craving attention in an Olympic crowd should look no further.

"My sister will be crazy about a clear umbrella like this, it's a gift for her," said Mario Marcari, a tourist from Brazil.

Others sought quality and tradition.

'Black is the new black," explained Doug Knowles of San Francisco, who travels often to London on business. "In the business world I would look odd carrying around polka dots.'

The quietly professional staff demonstrate to customers the sturdiness of umbrellas with steel shafts, teach them how to press spring-loaded buttons so brollies pop into action without blinding family members.

Sun shades

James Smith & Sons still sells what used to be called parasols for 155 to 145 pounds (\$225 to \$240) for both men and women but only in cream and white. The chances are nil, however, that Britain will see enough sun to drag these babies out. And after a few days on the island, you will start craving vitamin D.

Off to the tourist traps

Those with a thinner wallet can go to Camden and other outdoor markets where the ubiquitous "I love London" and Union Jack brollies cost three to

five pounds each (\$4.70 to \$7.80). Still, don't they just announce your lack of imagination to the rooftops? If one must go the cheapie tourist route, a London Underground brolly for ten pounds (\$15.50) has a classic, recognizable design.

For a unique look, artists at the markets also use umbrellas as canvases, painting them like others do sneakers.

The sports brolly debate
As the New York Yankees have shown, team logos can travel worldwide. Top English Premier League teams like Man-chester United, Arsenal, Liverpool and Chelsea all sell brollies with logos, starting at 24.99 pounds (\$38.60) on up for those they call 'Gustbusters.'

Truth is, they're mostly for wives, girlfriends and tourists. At a game, it's impossible to chant obscenities at opposing teams while carrying a brolly and still keep your manhood intact. Plus blocking another fan's view of the pitch could start a mini-riot. Not to mention that carrying the wrong logo is a good recipe for a bar fight in some parts of

"They're drunk, they stand in the rain," a London-based sportswriter said, explaining British fans. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he stands in the rain every week too.

The sports umbrella debate even has its own class divide. The posh crowds watching tennis at Wimbledon ALWAYS have brollies and have been taught from a young age how to scrunch down low so people behind them can



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still see the tennis.

Brolly fashionistas

For those wanting a more sophisticated look, it's time to hit the museum gift shops. The British Museum alone has about a dozen brollies, ranging from 16.99 pounds (\$26) for a Shakespeare Floral design to 26.99 pounds (\$41.60) for one that reveals London landmarks when it gets wet. Trendy types seek brollies that prove they have been to

the latest art exhibition, but old standbys like a Rosetta Stone umbrella (16.99 pounds, \$26) could flash your archaeology IQ.

Masters of the

Universe brollies
In Mayfair, London's wealthy hedge fund neighbourhood, the enormous golf umbrella with a fund logo is de rigueur. But you can't buy them — adding to their allure — and you must be part of the tribe to know which fund is

hot this month, which is not and which is the next Ponzi scheme. Plus you will get in trouble with Olympic security (see below).

Listen to the Olympic security staff

Are the uncovered spikes on a tattered umbrella a weapon?

Apparently not. But the Apparently not. But the staff did have one big plea for visitors — NO GOLF UMBRELLAS. They will be confiscated. You will be

angry. You could get wet. This was allegedly written in extremely fine print somewhere the instructions about Olympic tickets, but the guards know thousands will be upset when their brollies are permanently detained.

They say they hate being the bad guys.

And no walking-length umbrellas with steel tips either. Stick to the folding ones.

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Agave-BBQ Roasted Chicken: All the sweet taste, none of the hangover

Agave nectar — the current darling of the alternative sweetener world — is made from the same plant that is used to produce tequila. And it goes down so much easier (squeeze of lime and dash of salt are optional).
But let's start with some

basics. Agave nectar is an amber liquid that resembles honey, but has a cleaner, sweeter, even fruitier flavour. Not long ago it was mostly unheard of in North America, existing primarily in the backwaters of the natural foods world.

In recent years, it has evolved into a booming \$200 million industry. Suddenly, it's being used in everything from ketchup and barbecue sauce to baked goods and ice

Here it's used to make a delicious roasted chicken.

- 1. Heat the oven to 400 F.
- 2. Place chicken on cutting board with breast down. Use kitchen shears to cut from neck hole down the length of the backbone and out the rump. Repeat on the other



side of the backbone. Discard the backbone. The cutting will require a little effort, but the shears should cut through the bones without too much difficulty. Spread open the chicken, exposing the cavity.

3. Sprinkle inside with salt and pepper. Overturn the chicken and place it cavity side down in a roasting pan just a bit larger than the chicken. Gently press the chicken to flatten. Season over and under the skin with salt and pepper. Cover tightly with foil and roast for 30 min-

4. Meanwhile, prepare the barbecue sauce. In a medium

- 3- to 5-lb whole chicken
- Kosher salt and black pepper

Barbecue sauce

- 6-oz can tomato paste
- 5 tbsp agave syrup
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 5 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 tbsp Dijon mustard • 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

bowl, whisk together all ingredients. Set aside.

5. After the chicken has roasted for 30 minutes, remove the pan from the oven and remove the foil. Use a pastry brush to brush the barbecue sauce thickly over the entire chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and roast for another 30 minutes, or until the meat at the thickest part reaches 165 F.

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Drink of the Week

Orange-Lemon-Lime Tea-Ade

- 8 bags black tea
- 4 bags mint tea
- 6 cups boiling water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Juice of 4 oranges
- Juice of 2 lemons and 2 limes

In a 1-gallon pitcher, combine the black tea bags, mint tea bags and boiling water. Let steep for 5 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove the tea bags, squeezing them over the pitcher to extract as much liquid as possible. Add the sugar, stirring until it is dissolved. Stir in the orange, lemon and lime juices, then add enough ice to fill the pitcher.

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Advice

More questions and answers from the workplace law trenches



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Discrimination

Employees often believe that any form of differential treatment amounts to discrimination. However, it

is only differential treatment based on a defined set of personal characteristics, such as age, race and religion that forms the basis of a legal claim. Employers can discipline or dismiss employees for personal reasons with impunity. It is only where those reasons are based on human rights grounds that employees have grounds to complain.

Last week I wrote an article about Aleem Ghanny, an employee who lost his case even though he was fired because he failed to return

to a comparable job. His wife later wrote me to complain that my article was an "invasion of his privacy," which is an interesting position, ex-cept that it is clearly wrong. If you are going to sue your employer, there is always a possibility that you may lose the case and if you do, a judge's decision becomes public, for everyone to read and comment. Employees, and their lawyers, should consider this risk before marching steadfastly to the courtroom doors.

Performance appraisals or disciplinary letters

I was recently asked whether an employee must sign off on a poor performance appraisal or disciplinary letter in order for it to be enforceable. This occurred in the context of an employee who received a negative letter but instead of acknowledging her understanding of the terms, she signed the letter back stating she disagrees with its contents.

Employers do not need employees to agree to negative letters or discipline in order for it to be effective. They must only show that the employee was given the letter. Here, by expressing

her protest in writing, the employee demonstrated that she understood what she received and, in fact, that she received it

Internet legal advice

Every employee now seems to be a workplace law "expert," able to find plenty of free legal advice about employment law on the Internet, which most of the time is plainly wrong.
Be careful. If you are

going to challenge your employer's decisions, however unjust, first make sure your view of the law is correct.

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Let the sun shine on your search

The heat of the hunt.

Rebuild your summer job search momentum as August approaches

LEAH RUEHLICKE

It's late-July and you're still having no luck on the summer job front. You've slowly fallen into the swing of sleeping until noon and sitting poolside for the afternoon with a pitcher of Sangria in hand, completely giving up on the idea of making any sort of income over the summer months.

However, just because the July heat is making you melt doesn't mean your motivation has to melt along with it. These steps can help you transform your lazy summer days into productive ones

Get creative

Use your imagination

- If you're feeling desperate for some dough, think of ways to rake it in without relying on a job. Donate items from your overflowing closet to a consignment store. See if your neighbours need any odd jobs done. Call your local employment centre to see if they have any temp jobs you could apply for. Accessing all your outlets may bring forth results you didn't even consider before.
- Slowly building up your momentum and making your days more productive will keep you feeling positive and make you more successful in your search!



while still leaving time for an

afternoon beer on the patio.

Shed the PJs

Get up early and go for a run before the heat kicks in. Get dressed. Eat a full breakfast. Doing these things sets you in gear and makes it much less likely for you to spend the day lounging.

Manage your time

Making cold calls, revamping your resumé and writing thank you notes after interiews don't sound like a fun ways to spend your afternoon.

Try setting a timer for 15 minutes, three times a day and doing something you don't want to do during those three intervals. The time will fly by and you'll accomplish more by working hard for short periods of time.

Share the love

See a job posting that would be perfect for your other unemployed friend? Hear an ad for something your younger cousin could try out? Let them know about it. Helping others succeed will motivate you to do so as well. Notonlythat, but passing along information encourages others to do the same for you and allows you to network without even trying.

A good deed a day keeps the doctor away

Instead of escaping the heat by parking it in front of some Family Feud, use that time to do something nice for someone else. Vacuum the house. Make dinner. Organize your mom's bookshelf. (I did that and she threw me a 20. Just sayin'.) Not only will others appreciate this, but the more things you do the more motivated you will be to continue being productive with your time. Half the battle is simply getting out of a lazy funk.

Put your mind at ease

Pick one thing that is really troubling you and brainstorm

ways to deal with it. For example, if you're stressing about how to foot your rent cheques for the school year, get on your student loan application. Examine your class schedule to see if you can fit in a part-time job for the fall. Create a budget. Getting your worries under control one at a time will make the bigger

picture less stressful overall.

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"I think I'm looking forward to it more than any season in my life."

New York Jets coach Rex Ryan has slimmed down and toned down his comments, but he is still plenty confident and eager to get this season going. Having Tim Tebow in green and white isn't the only reason. His biggest task will be erasing the bitter-ness of finishing 8-8 and missing the playoffs for the first time in his three years as coach.

"Maybe there's some doubt about my coaching ability or whatever.... I can't wait to show people. That mentality has carried me my whole life."

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Ichiro Suzuki's skills might be on the downswing, but his star still shines bright back home. After 12 1/2 years in Seattle, "the top Japanese athlete in the world" was traded to the Yankees on Monday and now, with a realistic chance to win a World Series, has created tremendous buzz in his motherland. Scan the code for the

The Memorial Cup, minus two figurines, is displayed during an event with the Shawinigan Cataractes as president Real Breton speaks on May 31 at the legislature in Quebec City. JACQUES BOISSINGTYTHE CANADIAN PRESS

Cataractes D-man sorry for damaging trophy

CHL. Shawinigan's Donnelly will have to pay for repairs to Memorial Cup, team general manager says

Shawinigan Cataractes fenceman Dillon Donnelly has apologized for damaging the Memorial Cup and said it was an accident.

But the son of former NHL rearguard Gord Donnelly will be billed for the repairs by the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team.

The 19-year-old Colorado Avalanche prospect sent a message on Twitter on Tuesday that

said: "Breaking the Memorial Cup was an accident. I picked it up, lost my balance and dropped it. There was no intention to break. I'm sorry.'

The junior hockey championship trophy looked like a wreck in pictures published this week. The metal cup at the top was bashed in and the wooden base was cracked. Each player on the championship team is allowed 24 hours to celebrate with the cup at home, provided the team takes out \$50,000 in insurance against damages.

Cataractes general manager Martin Mondou said Donnelly will have to pay

"You have to be responsible for your behaviour," he said

Mondou had not yet spoken

- The original 1919 Memorial Cup is kept permanently at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.
- The damaged one is a replica, but can cost thousands of dollars to repair when badly damaged.

to Donnelly about the damages, but said the issue "will be resolved between us, the league

and the kid. Nobody else."

Two figurines of hockey players on either side of the cup were missing, but they fell off long before Donnelly had the trophy on July 13 in Mont-

Mondou said the figurines came off twice when the team was presented the cup following their victory on home ice in the final against the London Knights in May.

The Canadian Hockey League, the umbrella group for the three Canadian-based major junior leagues, has asked that the cup be returned immediately to Toronto. Some Cataractes

players who had not yet had their day with the cup will miss their turn, said Photi Sotiropoulos, spokesman for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

He said the team is held responsible for the cup, not any individual players.

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NHL labour talks

NHLPA is close to making its CBA counter-proposal

The NHL Players' Association is almost ready to table its own vision for a new collective bargaining agreement.

As negotiations with the NHL resumed Tuesday, NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr indicated that the union was getting close to responding to the league's initial proposal, which included a decreased share of hockey-related revenue, term limits on contracts and a 22 per cent salary rollback.

"I doubt that it will be weeks plural," said Fehr.
"But could it be two? Yeah. It could be two, it could be

The sides have entered gently into talks. This week's three-day session in Toronto marks the fifth consecutive week Fehr and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman have sat across the table from one another, but they still seem to be feeling

their way into the process. The NHL delivered its initial CBA proposal to the union during a bargaining session on July 13. In response, the NHLPA requested a "fair amount of additional information," according to Fehr.

"They've indicated that they're in the process of compiling it and will get it to us," Fehr said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Nashville Predators hang on to Shea Weber

The Nashville Predators have matched the staggering offering sheet made by the Philadelphia Flyers for defenceman Shea Weber. The Predators made sure on

Tuesday they will keep their star defenceman when they decided to pay him \$110 million US over 14 years. Weber, 26, is the Predators captain and played on a \$7.5-million arbitrator's award last season. He had 19 goals and 49 points

along the way. Nashville already lost freeagent defenceman Ryan Suter to Minnesota this summer, and losing Weber would have been an unexpected blow to a defence-first team that had 104

The Predators said they wanted to send a message to their fans that they re-main committed to fielding a Stanley Cup contender.

points last season.

The Flyers were looking for someone to fill the void left by Philadelphia defenceman Chris Pronger's absence.

Weber hoped he would land in Philadelphia. Now, he will likely end his career in Nashville.

"In tendering an offer sheet to Shea Weber, we were trying

to add a top defenceman entering the prime of his career," Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren said. "With Nashville matching our offer, we wish Shea and the Predators all the best."

On behalf of Predators chairman Tom Cigarran, GM David Poile and CEO Jeff Cogen, the team released a statement that called the Weber signing "the most important hockey transaction in franchise history."

Weber is a three-time allstar who helped Canada win gold in the 2010 Olympics, and is also is the mainstay of the Predators' defensive-minded approach. The associated press



Hesjedal helps **fund Canadian** going to London

Cycling. Money from sale of Giro d'Italia winner's pink jersey goes to teammate making Olympic debut

Canadian cyclist Denise Ramsden can breathe a little easier thanks to funds raised by a teammate.

The sale of Ryder Hesjedal's pink jersey from the Giro d'Italia — the Maglia Rosa raised \$10,300 on an EBay auction to support Ryders Cycling Society of Canada and CAN

Ramsden, who makes her Olympic debut in London, was selected to receive a portion of the funds

"I saw that (Hesjedal) was auctioning off his pink jersey and proceeds were going to



CAN Fund, even before I knew it was even involving me, and I thought it was great that he was doing that and giving back to Canadian athletes," Ramsden said. "Then when I found out I was the recipient I was very excited and happy.'

Ramsden will get \$6,000,

the standard CAN Fund grant amount, while the rest of the cash will go to Ryders Cycling Society of Canada

Hesjedal won the pink jersey in Stage 7 of his historic Giro d'Italia victory.

"I am very pleased to be able to give back to the cycling community and in particular support an up-and-coming female rider such as Denise," Hesjedal said in a release. "I want cycling to continue to grow in Canada and I can't think of any better way than to support our young riders achieve their dreams, just as I was able to achieve mine.

Ramsden, from Yellowknife, will compete in the road-race and time-trial events in London, as part of a women's team that also includes Clara Hughes and Joelle Numainville. Hesjedal is the lone Canadian male road racer in London.

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History meets rock 'n' roll at venue



Beach volleyball.

Canadian players are savouring the opportunity to play at a site in the shadows of historic buildings

AC/DC, Led Zeppelin and the Beach Boys blared Tuesday as Canadians hit the sand to train in what will likely become one of the London Olympics' most iconic venues.

The beach volleyball venue is set in the shadow of the Horse Guard Parade, a site that dates back to 1745 and takes its name from the soldiers who have provided protection for the monarch since 1660.

It is perhaps best known for the annual Trooping the Colour event that takes place on the Queen's birthday.

But for 13 days starting Saturday, it will be a rock 'n' roll sandbox filled with athletic beefcake and hard-bodied women in itsybitsy bikinis.

It's a sport that is the antithesis of golf — fans are encouraged to rock out. The beach party takes place in an intimate, temporary stadium that seats 15,000 and wraps around

a court stocked with some 5,000 tonnes of sand brought from a quarry in Godstone, Surrey.

"It's amazing," said Marie-Andree Lessard, sporting a huge grin. "It's so vibrant. The sand's beautiful. The colour's awesome. The site is of utmost beauty and of great historic value as well. So I think we're very grateful and happy to be playing here."

Martin Reader added: "Beautiful venue. Amazing place in London."

The venue is sure to become one of the television images of the Games, especially from high in the stand that faces the Horse Guard Parade building.

But the entire site is packed with history. Surrounding buildings include the Old Admiralty Building, Household Cavalry Museum, Scotland Office and St. James's Park and the Guards Memorial.

The Duke of Wellington was based in Horse Guards when he was in charge of the British army.

Both the Canadian men and women open on the weekend against host Britain. The Canadian men had to

win in Mexico to get Canada an Olympic spot. "There were a few thousand

Mexican fans yelling not the

nicest things at us," said Reader's partner, Josh Binstock. "But we relish that. I love playing the spoiler, I love being the bad guy. Of course, I love being supported and loved but either way it's fun having that pressure on us."

After Mexico, the duo had to defeat a rival pair to book their ticket to London.

Given that happened July 14 for both pairs, it made for a whirlwind week before the men headed to Austria to refocus on the Games.

"Literally the moment after we won, we were just getting pulled (from all sides)," said Binstock. "And that lasted for the whole week. I don't remember just sitting down and enjoying a meal the whole week."

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Quoted



"It really doesn't matter where we play. We just have to

play the best possible."

Canadian beach volleyball player Martin Reader, who doesn't believe the surround ings and conditions will affect his play



SPORTS: LONDON GAMES

Canada can expect to catch 22 in London

The Canadian Olympic Committee and Own the Podium set a goal of a top-12 finish for Canada at the London Olym-

Using the 2008 Beijing Games as a gauge, that's 24 medals

Canada's previous high was 22 in 1996. Canada tied for 14th in Beijing with 18 medals and was 19th at the 2004 Games in Athens with 12.

Here are some predictions of where Canada's medals will come from:

BOXING. 1 medal: Marv Spencer may have needed an assist from the IOC to get to London after losing her first bout at the world championships in May, but the three-time world champ can't be

CANOE/KAYAK, 1 medal: Kayaker Adam van Koeverden has worked too hard on his 1,000 metres not to win a fourth career Olympic medal.

CYCLING, 2 medals: Two is conservative. Canada is a contender on the road, track and trail. Mountain biker Catharine Pendrel is a favourite for gold.

DIVING, 2 medals: Jen-

nifer Abel is a potential double medallist in women's individual springboard and synchro springboard with Emilie Hevmans. Alex Despatie brings the experience of winning two Olympic medals, but he's com-

ing off a head injury.

EQUESTRIAN, 1 medal:
Canada has depth in dressage,

eventing show jumping. The best bet for a medal is in team show jumping.

GYMNASTICS,

2 medals: Between them, Rosannagh MacLennan and three-time medal-

list Karen Cockburn should produce a medal in

women's trampoline.

If both can, bonus. ROWING, 4 medals: Canadian rowers have a tradition of making the podium and they are expected to con-

tinue that trend in London.

SWIMMING, 3 medals:

Distance freestyler Ryan Cochrane is chasing two medals. Julia Wilkinson, Martha Mc-Cabe, Brent Hayden and openwater swimmer Richard Weinberger are podium pos-

sibilities.
SYNCHRONIZED SWIM-MING, 1 medal: The team of Elise Marcotte and Marie-Pier Boudreau-Gagnon were fourth in the world last year.

TAEKWONDO, 1 medal: A silver medallist in Beijing, Sergerie remains ranked No. 2 in the world in the 67-kilogram class. TRACK-AND-FIELD,

medal: Anything less than a medal from shot putter Dylan Armstrong is underachieving. Jessica Zelinka has an outside

shot in heptathlon.
TRIATHLON, 1 medal:
The question is who can produce it? Paula Findlay was the woman to beat until she was injured a year ago. What she'll do in London is a mystery. Otherwise, it's up to veteran Simon Whitfield or Kyle Jones, who has begun to establish himself in the world's elite.

WRESTLING, 2 medals: Olympic champ Carol Huynh attempts to defend her 48-kilogram title, while Ms. Reliable Tonya Verbeek looks for a third Olympic medal. Martine Dugrenier and Leah Callahan are contenders, too.

TOTAL: 22 medals. THE CANADIAN PRESS



'Melo fantastic in friendly versus Spain

U.S. forward Carmelo Anthony, centre, duels for the ball with Serge Ibaka and Pau Gasol on Tuesday during an Olympic exhibition game in Barcelona, Spain. Anthony came off the bench to score 23 of his 27 points in the first half, and the Americans beat Spain 100-78 on in a rematch of the 2008 gold-medal game — and possible preview of the next one. DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES

Canuck women in tough early

Soccer. On eve of Olympic opener, Canadian team discusses matchup with world champion Japan

John Herdman hasn't had to bolster his players with any special messages of motivation, or implement any team-building strategies since they touched

down in England.

Ten months after he took on the task of mending the battered psyche of Canada's women's soccer team, and a day before his squad opens its London Olympic campaign, the coach said his players are allbusiness, and more than ready.

"That's the brilliance of this group, there's a maturity there," Herdman said following his team's final practice in Coventry before its opener. "They're managing internally



"They're a pleasure to watch and have taken the women's game to

another level in terms of technical ability."

Canada women's soccer coach John Herdman on Wednesday's matchup with

everything they need to, to be ready for the Games. So my message has been really simple: Keep doing what you're doing."

The Canadians open versus World Cup champion Japan in Coventry on Wednesday, two days before the opening ceremonies. Canada is seeking redemption after a horrible showing at the World Cup last summer in Germany - a last-

place finish that led to the departure of coach Carolina Morace and the hiring of Herdman.

The Canadians face what could be their toughest test of the tournament, playing a Japanese squad that knocked off the perennial power United States in a penalty shootout to win the World Cup in Germany.

Canadian midfielder Sophie Schmidt calls Japan a "Barcelona-type team.

"Japan is a special team, just in the way they pass the ball," Schmidt said. "We've had discussions. We know we won't have the ball for most of the game, so we just have to take advantage when we do, make most of our chances when we do get them."

The seventh-ranked Canadians and No. 3 Japan have played each other to three wins, three losses and three draws. But Japan has been on the rise since its fourth-place finish in Beijing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swimming. Weinberger at ease in the open water

Richard Weinberger likes to keep open-water swimming friendly amid the thrashing of arms and legs.

The 22-year-old Canadian will blurt out a greeting to a competitor churning the water beside him, or a "Duuuude" if it's one of his friends in the sport.

"Richard is unusual," his coach Ron Jacks says. "He's different in a lot of ways."

But when you aspire to be an Olympic gold medallist "you're not normal," Jacks says. "There's only one of them and one can't be the

In a sport dominated by swimmers older than him, Weinberger is the brash upstart who beat the worldclass field in the Olympic test event in London last summer.

"I beat the world champion and second-place finisher at worlds by 30 seconds, almost," Weinberger says. "That was definitely a huge win and an unexpected win.

"Pretty much at that mo-

ment, it became real to me that I could possibly win gold at the Olympics."

Weinberger took gold at the Pan American Games last October. A top-10 result in

Richard Weinberger was born in Moose Jaw, Sask.

He moved often with parents Tony and Marina and sister Brittany to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Saudi Arabia and British Columbia during his life.

June at a World Cup in Portugal was required to qualify for London.

finished Weinberger despite an

scramble to keep his goggles

"I would have to say he's the fastest improving open-water swimmer in the world," lacks savs.

Toronto's Zsofia Balazs will compete in the women's open-water swim Aug. 9, fol-lowed by Victoria's Weinberger the following day.

Also known as marathon swimming, open-water races are held in oceans, lakes, rivers and ponds. The 2012 Olympic race is six laps in the cool. calm water of the Serpentine in Hyde Park.

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A two-sizes-fits-all approach



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Dimensionally, the fivepassenger Santa Fe is similar to the 2012 Santa Fe, as both have identical distance between the front and rear wheels. The upcoming seven-passenger Santa Fe, however, is about 21.5 centimetres longer overall and has 16 per cent more cargo space behind the second-row seat.

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- Type. Four-door, front-/allwheel-drive wagon
- Engines (hp): 2.4-litre DOHC 14 (190); 2.0-litre DOHC 14, turbocharged (264); 3.3-litre DOHC V6 (290).
- Mileage: L/100 km (city/hwy)
- Base Price: \$26,000 (est.).

Engines

The seven-passenger Santa Fe is understandably heftier than the five-passenger by more than 180 kilograms, actually explains why it's sole powerplant is a 290-horsepower 3.3-litre V6 that replaces the previously optional 274-horsepower 3.5-litre V6.

Conversely, the five-

passenger model, now lighter than the outgoing Santa Fe by an impressive 121 kilograms, can be had with a base 190-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder, or an optional 264-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged fourcylinder.

Regardless of your chosen engine, a six-speed automatic transmission with manual shift controls is all that's offered.

Review. Two sizes to keep families of all sizes on the move

MALCOLM GUNN

So, two sizes of the 2013 Hyundai Santa Fe are on the menu. It seems familiar.

Mitsubishi recently got the ball rolling in this dir-ection for the 2011 model year when it introduced the RVR in Canada, which is a

Kia made

shortened version of its regular-length Outlander. On a grander scale, General Motors and Ford employ this approach with their bigand-beefy sport utes while a number of minivans once offered two body sizes. Even

two lengths of its Sedona minivan.

But since passenger-carbased tall wagons have replaced much of the minivan trade, Hyundai is also applying the two-sizes-fits-all approach to its third-generation Santa Fe that launches later this summer.

Actually it's the shorterwheelbase five-passenger iteration that arrives first, followed by the extended-

length seven-passenger Santa Fe in early 2013. The face of each, while differing slightly, features Hyundai's signature hexagonal grille.

A prominent crease extending along each side and flowing over the taillights replaces the previous Santa Fe's more rounded look. The entire design is both conservative, yet entirely stylish, and should be greeted by approving nods from most shoppers.

As of this writing, pricing has yet to be released, but the five-passenger model will likely start at about \$26,000 (including destination charges), with the longer Santa Fe adding roughly \$4,000.

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Drive and save: 7 tips for saving your driving dollars

KATHY ULLYOTT

Now that a tank of gas costs as much as a meal out (a fancy, romantic one if you drive an SUV), it's worthwhile saving every nickel you can — and that doesn't necessarily mean leaving your ride in the garage.

1. Properly inflating your tires can save you 3.3 per

cent in fuel costs. Look for the manufacturer's recommended air pressure in your owner's manual, and check your pressure once a month.

2. Buy tires with a low rolling resistance (LRR). Elizabeth Lewis, manager of community and corporate relations for Bridgestone Americas, Inc., says Bridgestone's fuel-efficiency tires, for example, can save enough at the pump to pay for themselves in four

3. Slow down. Driving 120 km/h rather than 100 km/h burns approximately 12 per cent more fuel.

4. Drive smoothly. Your car burns the most fuel while accelerating, so tramping on the gas and stamping on the brake between every traffic light wastes a lot.

5. Check your air filter regularly and clean or replace it when it's dirty.

6. Go easy on the air conditioner, which can eat up to

10 per cent of your fuel when running. Try to park in the shade, use a windshield reflector when you're not driving and drive for the first few minutes with your windows down to give your A/C some help.

help.
7. Don't lug a lot. The more weight you carry, the more gas you use.

Don't use your trunk as a mobile storeroom for tools, sports equipment or camping gear.



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↑ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may have to hurt someone's feelings but as you are doing it for the right motives, they won't hold it against you. If something difficult needs to be said, you can be counted on to say it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

If you are unhappy with your current situation, either at home or at work, now is the time to change it. The planets will help you to make the break you have been dreaming of for months, maybe even years.

∐ Gemini May 22 - June 21

There is no point kicking up a fuss if you get the blame for something that was not entirely your fault. The simple fact is colleagues and employers are in no mood to listen, so take the criticism then move on.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23 Make it your business to spread a little happiness today. If you approach life with a smile on your face it will not only help others feel better but will make things a lot easier for you as well

9 Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If you have overlooked details of any kind, it will become obvious today and you will have no choice but to go back and take care of them. Don't make a fuss, just do what you should have done before.

W Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 While in one area of your life you are moving ahead in leaps and bounds, in another you are standing still, much to your frustration. Don't worry. It simply means you are not quite ready for a particular challenge.

📤 Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Today's Sun-Neptune link will maké you more touchy than usual, so watch out you don't get upset by the kind of petty things that would usually sail right over your head.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be eager to start something new but the planets advise you to bide your time and let things proceed at their own pace. . That may be a slow pace by your standards but things will

🗷 Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

pick up soon enough.

What do you want most from life? What would you wish for if you knew that your wish would come true? Well start wishing because the planets are so in your favour now that it's a case of "when", not "if",

り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Something you learn today will challenge your way of looking at the world. It may not be a comfortable experience but you must allow it to happen and you must allow your mind to move to a higher level.

🗫 Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You don't have to change course just because others do not approve of what you are doing. In fact, the more opposition you face today the more certain you can be that you are doing the right thing.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Huge changes are on the horizon, and the horizon is getting closer. Are you ready for the challenges that these unheavals will spark, both in your personal life and in your work? SALLY BROMPTON

- 1. Composer Previn 6. American RCAF counterpart
- 10. One in elected office 13. Traditional customs
- 14. Memory muse
- Lingus 15.
- 16. NB capital 18. Sgt.'s underling
- 19. Ship's spar
- 20. Cuba, to Cubans
- 21. Et ___: and others Off-island suburb
- northwest of 38-Across
- 26. What's new 28. Vishnu incarnation
- 29. Alkenes
- 30. Port at the west end of Lake Ontario
- 34. Name of eight Eng. kings
- 35. It treat brains disorders, particularly Parkinson's disease

37. Messenger

- 38. 1976 Summer Games locale
- 41. Over
- 43. Norway's Patron saint
- 44. NHL Hall of Fame locale
- 46. City in Mauricie region of Quebec at confluence of Saint-Maurice and Saint
- Lawrence Rivers 50. Fidel's brother
- 51. Per ___: daily allowance
- 52. Biblical hit 55. Rearwards
- 56. Suburb of Toronto where are located the Canadian headquarters of several major internation-

companies, including

- Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft. PepsiCo. General Electric, Siemens, Fujitsu,
- Walmart Canada 59. "___ Only Had a Brain"
- 60. Punster's reward 61. Novelist Sinclair who won a Pulitzer for Drag-
- on's Teeth in 1943 62. Prevaricate
- 63. Without 64. Ale and porter
- Down
- 4. Common North Amer-
- plumage color 5. Siam tail
- 7. Arranged an ambush
- 10. Symbolic Canadian
- 11. 501s, e.g. 12. Swing's Shaw
- 17. Encircle
- istan and Kazakhstan
- 24. W. Syrian city on the
- 25. Queen's recordina
- 30. Dec. 25 or Jan. 1
- 32. "Step ___!": "Hurry

- 1. Kind of radio 2. Nick's Thin Man wife
- 3. Chew out
- ican hawk, named for its
- 6. What someone might cry to give up
- 8. I love: Lat.
- 9. Boggy marsh
- leaf
- 14. Sprays
- 21. Sea between Uzbek-
- 23. Special connections
- Orontes River
- label 26. Be crawling (with)
- 27. ___ China
- 31. Metamorphose
- 35. Regan and Goneril's father 36. Town located halfway
- between Saskatoon and Regina
- 39. Labor

33. Small iPod

- 40. Treasure Island author. bibliographically
- 41. Airport monitor abbr.
- 42. Flips out
- 44. Link
- 45. Computer parts resellers, for short (anagram of SOME)
- 46. BC City on the Columbia River near the US border
- 47. One-named singer of
- children's songs 48. Certain navel, slangily 49. They're checked at
- 53. Dr. Frankenstein's lab assistant, in films 54. Mementos of beach

some borders

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- vacations 56. Classic British sports
- 57. A Gershwin brother 58. U-boat



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